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Applicants' response dated 06/21/2006 has been received and entered. Claims 16-23 and 33-44 are remain pending in the application. Claims 1-15 and 24-32 stand withdraw from consideration.

Applicant's arguments are that the drawings clearly support the limitations in the claims as shown figure 5 and it is quite clear that an "opening" formed in the buffer plate refers to a portion without no buffer material at all; therefore, application of a pressure from the outer surface of the display panel body through the buffer plate having such an opening would not mean "application of a pressure in the portions of the buffer plate corresponding to the opening" as indicating in the office action.

In response to the Applicants' arguments, the Examiner respectfully disagrees since figure 5 does not fully present the claimed invention as stated by Applicants. In particular, figures 5 and 6 drawn to the embodiment of the present invention. While figure 5 specifically shows the application of a pressure in the portions of the buffer plate (without pressing the display regions which overlap the openings), figure 6 does show an application of the pressure through the opening of the buffer plate. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would not be able to ascertain where such application of pressure can be applied. In other words, the drawing is not clear how to support the claimed invention.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2297. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on 571-272-1782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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